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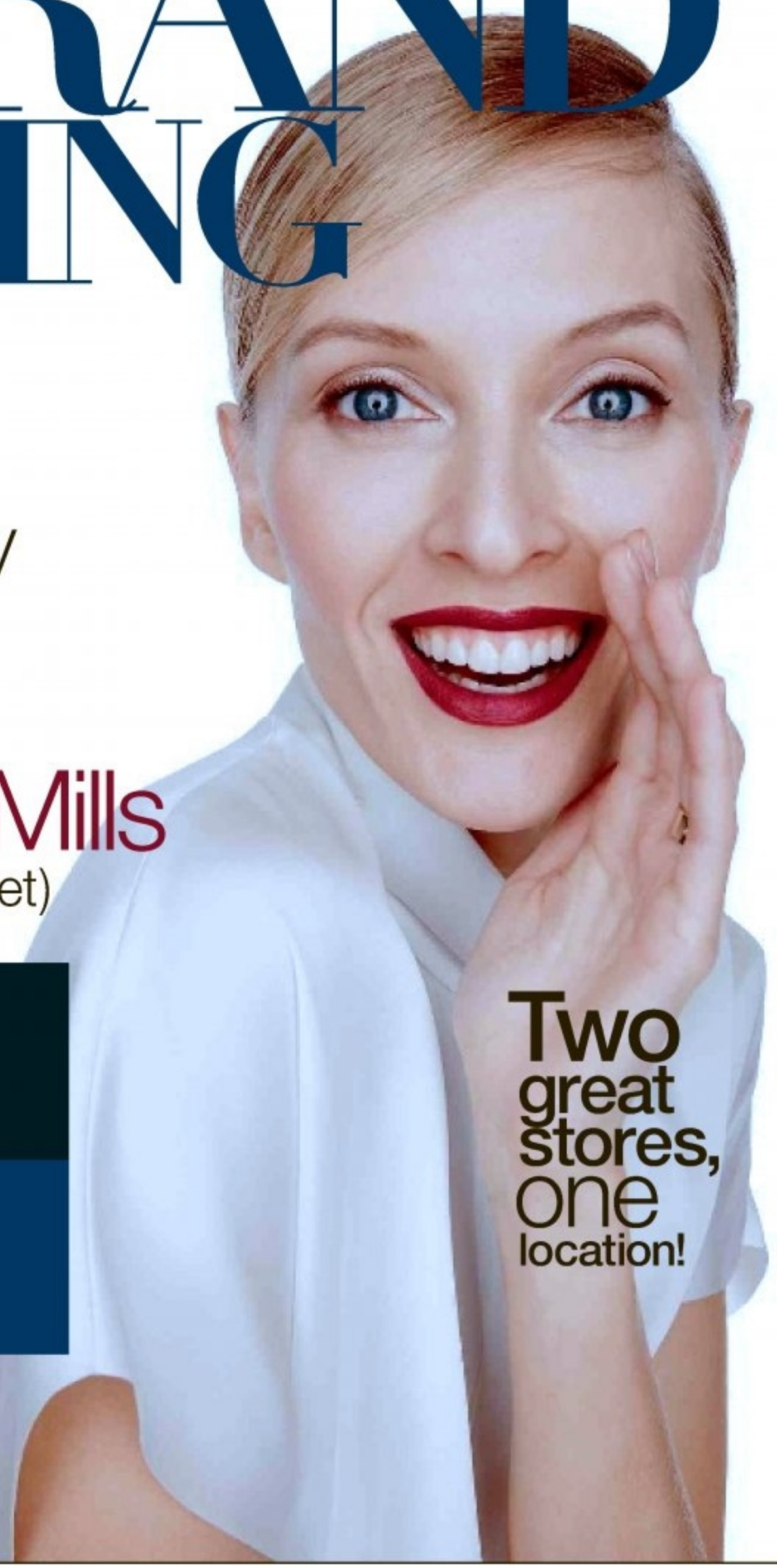

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REAL ESTATE

Home sales plunged 33% last month

Home prices in Metro Vancouver's once-surging real estate market are on the cusp of falling, housing experts say, as new figures show another month of plunging home sales in the region.

The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver published a report on Tuesday revealing a 32.6 per cent drop in September home sales compared with the same month last year. That follows a 26 per cent year-over-year decline in August and a dip of about 19 per cent the previous month.

"This looks like the top of the hump," said Tom Davidoff, an economist at UBC's Sauder School of Business. "Typically, before prices fall, transaction volumes fall. It looks like that's the direction in which we're heading."

Davidoff attributed the drop in large part to the provincial government's 15 per cent tax on foreign buyers that came into effect in August.

The real estate board said there were 2,253 homes sold last month, a steep dip from the 3,345 home sales recorded in September 2015. The drop was felt most acutely among detached homes, where sales declined 47.6 per cent when compared to the same period last year.

Attached-home sales decreased 32.2 per cent while condo sales slipped 20.3 per cent.

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Indigenous girls in care at twice the risk of sex assault

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Foster parents feature in 1/4 of incidents

Indigenous girls are the victims of sexual violence more than twice as often as other girls in the care of the British Columbia government, a "disturbing" new report finds.

The report from the province's representative of children and youth suggests at least 121 young people in care experienced sexual offences between 2011 and 2014. It says 109 of the victims were girls, and 74 of them were indigenous.

"The only way that will change is that we actually become aware of it, we address it and we do not sweep it under the carpet," Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond told reporters on Tuesday.

"But clearly this report is about victims who have been swept under the carpet."

She said in the report, titled Too Many Victims: Sexualized Violence in the Lives of Children and Youth in Care, that her findings can only be described as "disturbing."

Indigenous girls represented 25 per cent of the total children in care between 2011 and 2014, but they made up 61 per cent of sexual-violence victims, the report said.

B.C. representative for children and youth Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond said her findings can only be described as "disturbing." DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The actual number of victims is likely much higher because incidents are under-reported or reported long afterward due to stigma and shame, it added.

Nearly one in five youth in the report harmed themselves or attempted suicide, usually within a year of disclosing what happened to them.

61%

Percentage of indigenous girls among victims of sexual violence in care.

One-third of incidents were perpetrated by another child or youth in the same placement, while one-quarter involved foster parents — "a shocking breach of trust," the report said.

Children in care are more vulnerable to sexual violence than those who aren't in care, but there is no specific policy to guide social workers, Turpel-Lafond wrote.

> **This report is about victims who have been swept under the carpet.**
> Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond

Their actions are "varied and inconsistent," leaving youth at risk for further abuse and long-lasting harm, the report said.

Of the children included in her report, 12 did not want to report their experiences to police, and there is no indication that social workers made reports on the child's behalf, Turpel-Lafond said.

She urged the Ministry of Public Safety and the solicitor general to expand its network of Child and Youth Advocacy Centres. There are six centres in B.C., including in Surrey, Victoria and Vernon, but Turpel-Lafond said they are underfunded.

She called on the Ministry of Children and Family Development to ensure social workers and other front-line workers have adequate policy, standards and training, with a focus on indigenous girls.

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AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT

Talk tech to users, province urged

British Columbia's information-technology projects must be developed with input from people who actually use them to ensure they don't fail, the province's auditor general says.

Carol Bellringer released a report Tuesday, saying the right experts must also be hired, without over-reliance on contractors, and more consistent leadership is needed on multimillion-dollar projects that should be realistically planned for future needs.

"In 2014-15 alone, the government spent $668 million on IT capital or developing new IT systems and enhancing existing systems," she said, adding such projects involve more than just technology. "They often result in substantial changes to an organization's culture and processes."

Her report highlighted several IT projects that it has already audited as either failures or mired in challenges, leading to poor service for taxpayers.

They included a Health Ministry project called Panorama, for which a vendor was contracted to perform testing that would normally be done by staff, contributing to quality problems.

Projects exceeding $50 million in capital spending must be publicly reported, but Bellringer recommended that operating costs also be disclosed as part of a project's total expenditure.

"It's not something you can find in any one place," she said.

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Survivor serves on university's sex-assault panel

VIOLENCE

Felt left out of draft policy but hopeful about consultations

David P. Ball
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For Lucia Lorenzi, an invitation to sit on UBC's expert sexual-assault panel seemed like a chance to make an impact — and bring her voice to the table as a survivor of sexual violence on campus.

"I'd been tweeting for a while that we need to have people who are out as survivors and people critical of the university at the table," the recent PhD graduate told Metro in a phone interview. "So I accepted right away.

"I wanted to be a voice — not for all survivors, because everyone has different experiences — but to ensure people were around the table who had direct contact with the system, and to hopefully influence policy."

After being sexually assaulted at several institutions, she never imagined she'd have to face it again when she arrived at UBC.

"It made me want to have a world where I could have come forward to file a report."

The panel to which the university's vice-president of Equity and Inclusion, Sara-Jane Finlay, invited her spent months gathering community feedback, discussing and comparing best practices and hearing from survivors directly.

So several panel members were surprised when UBC released a draft policy on sexual assault in June — developed by a committee launched at the same time as their panel — before they'd had a chance to table their own recommendations.

"We had hoped that the policy would come out after our report, but we were not in control of the timing," said Sarah Hunt, another panel member and faculty member.

"It was assumed by everybody that the policy would have been informed by our report, but then there was a push to get the policy out for review. Unfortunately that didn't happen."

Hunt, 39, is Kwakwaka'wakw and teaches First Nations and Indigenous Studies and Geography, and has extensively researched links between gendered and sexual violence and the history of colonialism against indigenous people.

> **I wanted to be a voice — not for all survivors, because everyone has different experiences — but to ensure people were around the table who had direct contact with the system.** Lucia Lorenzi

"In many ways the university is like a small community," she said.

"There's a lot of ways that silences are maintained, that people are keeping the illusion that violence happens 'out there.' It doesn't happen here. When in fact, we know that not to be true."

The timing of the draft policy's release — which Finlay said was partly because the then-UBC president was set to end her term — was "troublesome" for Lorenzi, and the draft "insufficient."

"We had really hoped we could help the draft policy … to be as good as possible to provide confidence in what UBC is doing," she said. "I feel that the release of that policy didn't really contribute to that confidence."

According to Finlay, the intention remains to have the final policy — to be tabled next February in time for the B.C. government's legislated deadline for post-secondary institutions — influenced by the panel.

"Recommendations from the panel would then inform the consultation process for the policy," she told Metro. Consultation's been extended to the end of this month, including a public meeting at the Alma Mater Society next week. "It's going to be significantly different than the draft that went out in June."

Asked for her hopes for her university community, Lorenzi reflected that despite the crisis on campuses across Canada, "What's heartening now is that survivors are able to connect and there are also opportunities for administrators, faculty, staff and politicians to connect.

"This is a joint effort. It's not something that just one survivor, politicians, student or faculty member has to take up by themselves."

Lucia Lorenzi, a PhD graduate, was invited to sit on the UBC sexual-assault panel, which presented its recommendations in June. CONTRIBUTED

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School board decision questioned

EDUCATION

Suspension of closures amid toxicity news raises concerns

Wanyee Li
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The Vancouver School Board has suspended its school-closure process, citing the Ministry of Education's September removal of the 95 per cent capacity target as one of the reasons why it will not close any school by June 2017.

But the announcement comes days after WorkSafeBC stated it is investigating allegations of a toxic workplace environment at the school board. Multiple senior staff at VSB have taken medical leave.

The province calls the situation "unprecedented" and "troubling."

"We are witnessing an unprecedented situation at the Vancouver School Board. There are serious allegations regarding actions by trustees and concerns about toxicity at the district fostering fear by staff," said Education Minister Mike Bernier in a written statement. "When my ministry was made aware of the allegations about the behaviour of trustees, we forwarded these serious and troubling concerns to WorkSafeBC."

> **There are serious allegations regarding actions by trustees and concerns about toxicity at the district fostering fear by staff.**
> Education Minister Mike Bernier

But VSB chair Mike Lombardi said he is not aware of any bullying happening at the school board.

"At this point in time we still have not received any complaint here at the school board. We are fully cooperating with (WorkSafeBC's) investigation and we will probably be doing an investigation of our own."

He said the decision to halt the closure process had more to do with the province changing the rules last minute.

Acting superintendent Steve Cardwell made the recommendation to halt the closure process at a board meeting Monday night.

"The closure process was working on very tight timelines and the minister's announcement about the removal of the 95 per cent requirement came too late to allow detailed consideration of the implications prior to the Sept. 26 board meeting to move schools forward for public consultation," said Lombardi in a statement.

The school board had voted to move 11 schools forward in the consultation process in the Sept. 26 meeting.

The acting superintendent is expected to come back with an amended report on school closures in two or three months, said Lombardi.

But due to the delay announced Tuesday, none of the 11 schools on the chopping block will be closed before June 30, 2017, he confirmed.

Eleven schools were on the potential closure list but trustees suspended that process in an Oct. 3 meeting. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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He was an 'incredible dynamo' who shaped the city

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Vancouver architects are lauding Bing Thom as an innovative city builder who placed community at the heart of many of his projects.

"He was an incredible dynamo who helped power the city and the region," said Andy Yan, an urban planner who works at Bing Thom Architects.

Thom died suddenly of a brain aneurysm at the age of 75 while visiting Hong Kong, according to his firm, Bing Thom Architects.

"The greatest lesson that he leaves behind is only the way he lived his life to the end, so active and vital, but his ideas about architecture," said Leslie Van Duzen, a professor at the University of British Columbia's School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (SALA).

"That architecture is not only a building, but architecture is a catalyst for building communities."

Many of Thom's projects were libraries, community centres, university buildings and shopping malls, all "places where people gather, and understanding how people interact with each other and with significant events is really something he's really good at," said Ron Kallet, also a professor at SALA.

Van Duzen described his buildings as combining both grandness and warmth. Thom immigrated to B.C. from Hong Kong as a child. After working for renowned Vancouver architect Arthur Erikson, Thom started his own firm in 1982. In Vancouver he is known for designing the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, several new buildings, including Surrey's library, as part of Surrey's attempt to develop a city centre, and Sunset Community Centre. But Thom was also an internationally renowned architect who had worked on projects in Washington, D.C., Hong Kong and China.

"Vancouver should be very proud of having had that export," Van Duzen said.

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Since leaving the white supremacist movement in Vancouver, Daniel Gallant has been involved in combatting hate recruitment through the Extreme Dialogue initiative. COURTESY EXTREME DIALOGUE/DUCKRABBIT

Ex-white supremacist tackling extremism

RACISM

After turning his life around, law student offers warning

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Daniel Gallant isn't your typical law student.

The 41-year-old Kamloops resident came to study the justice system after having been involved in it — as a self-described former white supremacist recruiter in B.C.

"I spent 10 years within the right wing," he told Metro in a phone interview. "I did all the street stuff."

Today is part of an international campaign to "counter-recruit" extremists away from white supremacy and religious extremism alike. But with residents of several Lower Mainland cities finding packages labeled "Ku Klux Klan" on their doorsteps this week and controversy over a fledgling Vancouver chapter of the street-patrolling Soldiers of Odin, Gallant said British Columbians should wake up to a resurgence of dangerous campaigns.

"These campaigns are a way to instil terror and typically to further inflate racialized tensions within communities, which already exist," he told Metro.

However, the president of Soldiers of Odin B.C. told Metro in an earlier interview that the group — originally co-founded in Finland last year by a white supremacist jailed for violence — are completely non-racist and purely charitable.

"I don't care what they do in Europe, us and the U.S. (chapters) don't care about racism; it has nothing to do with us," Bill Daniels said.

But Gallant said he's confident about the racist origins of the group and doubts the group's claims to be unaffiliated with white supremacists.

"I've been monitoring them online, and what I'm seeing is people who are not of the right wing joining who don't understand the context of the organization itself, nor are they aware of the doctrine behind its philosophy.

"It's disappointing that people are being dragged into an organization that they obviously don't know much about and are emulating the same rhetoric coming from the right wing."

He said that given the Soldiers of Odin's Finnish origins, the group's more "charitable" approach in North America should fool no one.

"White supremacists founded it in order to capitalize on anti-immigrant sentiment and to literally beat Islam out of Finland," he said. "They literally beat the life out of at least one person — that we know of."

Gallant's own personal doorway to hate was through a group called the White Aryan Resistance, or Warskins, in East Vancouver, he said.

After completing degrees in First Nations Studies and social work, Gallant is finishing his law degree at Thompson Rivers University.

He left the white supremacist movement after having a child, he recalled, as well as feelings of intense guilt after violently assaulting a First Nations man with the blunt end of an axe.

Today, he's involved with Extreme Dialogue, an anti-extremism network attempting to recruit people away from terrorist and extremist groups.

DETAILS

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> People need to not be afraid to speak out and to speak honestly about what's actually going on.
> Daniel Gallant

FRASER VALLEY

'KKK' packages dropped on B.C. doorsteps

Police are investigating after residents in the Fraser Valley reported receiving pamphlets on their doorsteps claiming to be from the "Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan." Some in Mission, Chilliwack and Abbotsford reportedly contained white rice, seen as an anti-Asian message.

Gallant, a former white supremacist involved in recruitment, told Metro such campaigns aren't new — but that there appears to be a "spike" in co-ordinated activities.

"This has happened several times in recent years around Western Canada and for many decades," he said. "In fact, I used to do these sorts of things.

"Pamphlet campaigns in one area typically spike within close times as other areas, which has been happening as of late in Western Canada."

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ENVIRONMENT

Global shift could mean end for Kinder Morgan project

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

A senior Vancouver city staffer believes recent developments out of Ottawa could spell doom for Kinder Morgan's proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion.

The Trudeau government is expected to make the final decision on the project by Dec. 19.

The National Energy Board's (NEB) review panel has recommended approval of the controversial project, with 157 conditions attached, concluding the economic benefits of getting Alberta's oil to international markets outweigh the environmental risks.

If approved, the expansion twinning the existing Trans Mountain pipeline from Alberta to Kinder Morgan's terminal in Burnaby would increase oil tanker traffic through the Burrard Inlet seven-fold — something the City of Vancouver has staunchly opposed.

An oil tanker is guided by tug boats as it goes under the Lions Gate Bridge at the mouth of Vancouver Harbour. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Doug Smith, acting director of a sustainability group at the city, briefed council on the status of the $6.8-billion project Tuesday and expressed his personal belief that the pipeline expansion could be ultimately rejected despite the NEB's recommendation.

"It's not all doom and gloom. We have been cautiously optimistic to see that there have been some big leaps in policies that may render the pipeline no longer needed and no longer useful," Smith told city council. "Global values towards fossil fuels have shifted. Canada joined nearly 200 countries in committing to the most ambitious climate action agreement in history. Federal government announced a new national carbon tax. This is just the tip of the iceberg, hopefully, but it's great news in the right direction."

Smith said that a single week's worth of downstream greenhouse gas emissions created by the project would be equivalent to what the city emits in an entire year.

In addition to Vancouver, the British Columbia provincial government, Metro Vancouver regional district, several Lower Mainland municipalities and many local First Nations have come out against the pipeline project.

> **We have been cautiously optimistic.**
> Doug Smith

Since the NEB made its recommendation, the federal government has set up a ministerial panel to investigate issues and shortcomings with the hearings, which Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said was deeply flawed and ignored the city's expert evidence on the impacts of a possible worst-case scenario oil spill.

To date, the city has spent about $285,000 commissioning research on project and $20,000 for a public anti-pipeline campaign, which includes the website notworththerisk.vancouver.ca.

Robertson encouraged staff to keep up their advocacy against the pipeline, but not everyone on council agreed.

Non-Partisan Association Coun. George Affleck questioned Smith's commentary on whether or not the project was economically feasible.

"Is that our role as a city, to tell a business how to operate?" Affleck asked.

"One of the surprising statements that I always find with this is the comment that there is no economic need for this pipeline. Maybe from Vancouver's perspective, but certainly a pipeline has economic value and need, certainly for Alberta."

The city has petitioned for a review, but that case is unlikely to be heard before the Liberal government makes its final decision on the project.

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City hall to beef up protection

Vancouver city hall could be getting major upgrades to protect it from an earthquake.

As part of an annual update on the city's earthquake preparedness, Danica Djurkovic, director of facilities planning and development, told council that city hall is "the next one in line" for seismic upgrades under its capital plan.

"We are aware this building does require improvements," said Djurkovic, after being asked by Green Coun. Adriane Carr how safe the council chambers are in the event of an earthquake. "You'll hear about it more in the next capital plan."

> **We are aware this building does require improvements.**
> Danica Djurkovic

Djurkovic said staff are considering a base isolation system underneath city hall, which is estimated to cost between $50-60 million. Pat Ryan, the city's chief building official, explained the technology essentially mounts a building on a big rubber pad to greatly minimize the impact and damage of an earthquake.

Base isolation is already being installed at Lord Strathcona elementary school as part of its seismic retrofit. It is the first school in Canada to use the technology, Ryan said.

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Pushback on carbon tax

POLITICS

Critics asking how it will affect people, businesses

The Liberal government's decision to impose a national floor price on carbon emissions dominated the House of Commons on Tuesday, with critics saying the plan punishes consumers while doing little to combat climate change.

All but lost in the immediate, breathless reaction was the reality that the plan announced a day earlier by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau won't have much impact, if any, on 87 per cent of Canadians — or their carbon footprint — for the next four years.

> **You determine the system that makes sense.**
> Catherine McKenna

That's because the rising floor price on CO2 emissions laid out in the federal Liberal plan starts at $10 per tonne and takes until 2021 to catch up with and surpass existing carbon taxes already imposed by British Columbia and Alberta.

A group of 22 high-profile business and civil leaders endorsed the plan Tuesday, saying Canada is simply pricing emissions "as most of the world's biggest economies are doing."

The plan's cautious approach, however, is being overshadowed by Trudeau's audacious communications gambit.

Trudeau announced the national floor price Monday in the Commons just as federal, provincial and territorial ministers were meeting in Montreal to negotiate a pan-Canadian carbon plan.

Three provincial ministers left the Montreal meeting early to protest the high-handed federal move, and opposition parties remained in high dudgeon Tuesday.

Faced with such discordant assessments, the debate naturally landed on the bottom line: What's it going to cost me?

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation and Brad Wall's Saskatchewan Party each offered up estimates for the annual cost to an average family, starting at $1,250 a year and topping out at more than $2,500.

But such estimates are meaningless, since provincial governments have been repeatedly told by Ottawa that the carbon tax revenues are theirs to use as they see fit - including to cut income, sales or business taxes.

Federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna said it is up to provincial premiers to decide how those revenues should be recycled.

"You determine the system that makes sense," McKenna said outside the House.

"You determine how to deal with, for example, agriculture industry, and you determine what should happen with the revenues. You can return the revenues as a tax cut to small business and consumers. You can invest in innovation. You can invest in the agriculture sector. That's not for the federal government (to decide)."

In an interview, Tory MP Ed Fast — a B.C. Conservative — lauded the way Christy Clark's B.C. Liberal government has used carbon taxes to cut income and other taxes but said he's not confident every other province will follow suit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at a children's party with Prince George and Princess Charlotte in Victoria, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Creepy' video of Royals' visit confuses viewers

A "creepy" video of the recent royal tour in Canada has left some viewers gobsmacked.

Kensington Palace tweeted out the short video on Saturday of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with Prince George and Princess Charlotte at an outdoor children's party in Victoria.

The family moves around in slow motion, playing with bubbles and balloons, to the sound of lagging, thumping music.

Many people posted comments describing the video as "creepy" and "morose," while others compared it to a trailer for a horror movie.

The video shows three-year-old George squirting bubbles out of a fish-like gun while his sister Charlotte, 16 months old, tries to hug a rabbit. There are also shots of a puppeteer and a man making balloon animals.

Not so scary — until you see it in slow motion and slightly darkened.

"I feel like I just watched the trailer for the sequel to #TheShining," responded one person.

"Reminds me of the Terminator movie when Linda Hamilton is pushing her baby in the swing before all hell breaks loose," said another.

The jokes continued: "After watching this, I'm anxiously awaiting the terrifying sequel: George and Charlotte Return! #budgetissues?"

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INEQUALITY

Coffee shop ups prices, but just for women

Rebecca Chiu
Metro | Toronto

Would you like your coffee with a side of inequality?

That's what was on the menu of Toronto's Tokyo Smoke Found for one special day.

"Don't know if you've noticed our menu today, but we actually charge based on gender," the barista tells a customer in a video posted to YouTube, in front of a menu marked with prices for women in pink. Large drip coffee? That'll be $3.50 if you're a man, but an even $5 if you're a woman. The reaction is not positive, but that's the point.

The higher prices for women at a Toronto coffee shop are a commentary on the so-called "pink tax." CONTRIBUTED

The video aims to raise awareness about the "Pink Tax," which is blamed for women paying more than men for the same services and products.

How many times have you been baffled by how inexpensive men's haircuts are, or shocked by how much a dress costs to dry clean?

Needless to say, the shop's customers, both men and women, are not happy with the price difference. Some have strong words — "That's f-king weird" — while others walk away empty handed.

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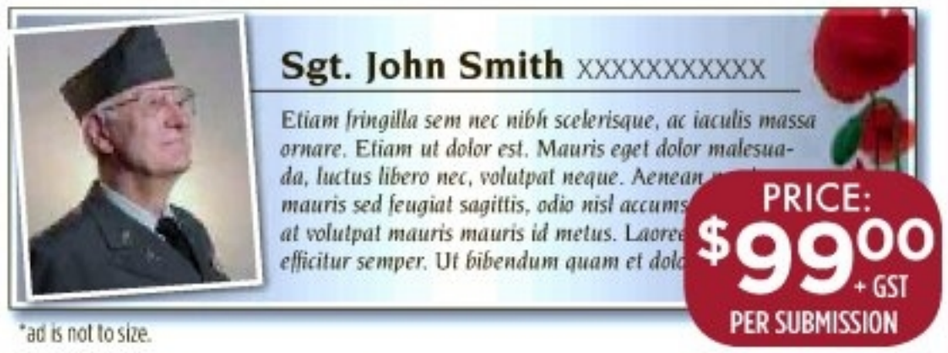

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Sexual Assault on Campus: A Metro Special Focus — Day 3: The U.S. & U.K examples

We have much to learn

Canada is far from the only nation struggling to recognize and combat campus sexual assault, but we're well behind the more proactive U.S. and only so far ahead of the lagging U.K.

Rosemary Westwood
Metro | Toronto

In 1985, the year I was born, the feminist Ms. Magazine published a groundbreaking national survey of campus rape in the U.S.

There has since been research in New Zealand, Canada and the U.K. — and Australia is about to embark on a landmark 40-school study.

So: The struggle to admit to, get a clear picture of and eliminate campus sexual assault is as old as I am; and Canada is by no means alone.

In fact, in terms of government regulation and accountability, we're stuck somewhere in between the more advanced U.S. and the lagging U.K.

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In the American system, education falls under federal jurisdiction. That has been key to a far more aggressive and proactive stance on campus-sexual assault. President Barack Obama's high-profile focus is only the latest chapter.

In 1990, the U.S. passed the Clery Act, which made it mandatory for universities to report sexual assaults, to have a dedicated policy and to offer supports for survivors. There was also Title IX, an amendment to education laws forbidding discrimination on the basis of sex. It was first passed in 1972 and began to be applied to sexual assault and harassment in the 1980s, beginning with a policy memorandum from the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education. That led to sexual-assault-survivor lawsuits against schools.

But then came Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent School District. The 1998 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, which centred on sexual misconduct between a teacher and student at a Texas high school, but which also applied to post-secondary institutions, held that schools were only liable for sexual assaults and harassment if they did not act after learning of them.

The ruling had a chilling effect on the lawsuits, and a period of inertia and apathy followed, said Michele Dauber, a Stanford law professor and leading advocate on campus sexual assault. Schools "became much more worried about being sued by these alleged perpetrators," she said.

In 2011, the Obama administration released its 19-page "Dear Colleague" letter — a directive from the U.S. Department of Education — that called sexual violence discriminatory and a crime and explicitly stated universities' requirements to deal with it.

"It was pretty minimal," Dauber said. "It was, 'Stop violating civil rights.... You have to have a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints, and you have to tell the victim the outcome.'"

After the letter, students began filing complaints to the Office for Civil Rights. In May of 2014, the agency had more than 50 open files against schools, including Harvard and Princeton.

That same year, Obama launched the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault and the "It's On Us" campaign to raise awareness about sexual assault, for which Vice-President Joe Biden has become a strident spokesperson.

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In the U.K., thanks to guidance over two decades old, some universities have avoided any kind of reporting or disciplinary policies around sexual assault. And there is no national legislation mandating either.

In 1994, Graham Zellick, then president of Queen Mary and Westfield College, led a task force on university disciplinary practices. The resulting report bluntly advised against investigating sexual assault: "Internal action for rape and sexual assault is out of the question," read the so-called Zellick guidelines, unless there's a guilty criminal verdict.

But a recent legal brief has challenged the stasis. Independently commissioned by the advocacy group End Violence Against Women Coalition and released in January of 2015 by human-rights lawyer Louise Whitfield, the brief argues schools that follow the Zellick guidelines "are failing to protect women students and are very likely to be in breach of the law."

"That legal opinion really did focus minds," said Rachel Krys, co-director of EVAWC. "Women's human rights — and we have rights to equality and not be discriminated against — all of those were being ignored."

Recent media investigations found one in three university women faced sexual harassment or assault and that schools had uneven or absent policies for tracking assaults.

In September 2015, amid mounting pressure, the U.K. business secretary ordered schools to investigate so-called "lad culture" on campuses. Universities U.K., the body representing executive heads, in March announced "an overwhelming need" to revise the Zellick rules. And this fall, it's expected to release its report and possibly a new set of stricter guidelines for schools.

"I don't think universities want to get this wrong," Krys said. "I think they want to just know what they have to do."

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Though the U.K., U.S. and Canada have different legal systems, different legislation and different accountability mechanisms surrounding sexual assault on campus, the countries share one overarching similarity: institutional failure.

Survivors of sexual assault from schools in all three countries echo each other: The school dragged its heels, the school gave an excuse not to investigate and the school didn't tell the survivor the outcome of an investigation.

This means that legislation in and of itself isn't enough. Even in the face of laws, schools can and will fail to comply. And it shows the effects of systems with plenty of carrots and no meaningful sticks. No American school has ever lost federal funding over sexual-assault cases.

"Relying on human decency in this area is not the way to go," Dauber said.

Schools should not wait for the conclusion of a criminal investigation to begin their own investigation and, if needed, must take immediate steps to protect the student.

From a 2011 "Dear Colleague" directive released by the Obama administration

We believe it is not for the victim complainant to determine that the matter should be handled internally rather than externally.

From a 1994 report on U.K. university practices, led by Graham Zellick

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden has become a strident spokesperson for the "It's On Us" campaign

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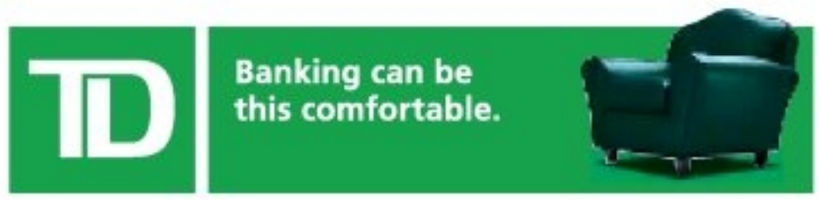

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‘Everything is gone’: Hurricane still rages

WEATHER

Matthew threatens U.S. as people rush to stock up

Officials in coastal Hyde County, N.C., issued a state of emergency as Hurricane Matthew slammed into Haiti’s southwestern tip with howling, 145 mph winds Tuesday, tearing off roofs in the poor and largely rural area, uprooting trees and leaving rivers bloated and choked with debris. At least nine deaths were blamed on the storm during its week-long march across the Caribbean.

Forecasters said Matthew could hit Florida toward the end of the week and push its way up the East Coast over the weekend. The forecast triggered a rush by Americans to stock up on food, gasoline and other emergency supplies.

The dangerous Category 4 storm blew ashore around dawn in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, hitting a corner of Haiti where many people live in shacks of wood or concrete blocks. It unloaded heavy rain as it swirled on toward a lightly populated part of Cuba and the Bahamas.

Damage in the hardest-hit part of Haiti appeared to be widespread, but because of poor communications, blocked roads and washed-out bridges, the full extent was not immediately clear.

At least three deaths were blamed on the storm in Haiti, including one person whose home was crushed by a tree in Port Salut and a 26-year-old man who drowned trying to rescue a child who had fallen into a rushing river, authorities said. The child was saved.

Four deaths were recorded in the neighbouring Dominican Republic and one each in Colombia and in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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Children are pictured in La Puya, Santo Domingo on Tuesday after Hurricane Matthew passed through Hispaniola — the island that the Dominican Republic shares with Haiti. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SYRIA

Government presses in on Aleppo offensive

Forces backing Syrian President Bashar Assad pressed their offensive Tuesday on Aleppo’s rebel-held zone from the south, after capturing areas on other fronts in recent days. As reinforcements arrived, including Shiite fighters from Iraq, the strategy appeared to be to retake rebel-held areas bit by bit, backed by massive Russian airpower, rather than risk a potentially costly all-out ground battle.

Tuesday’s offensive on the city’s besieged rebel-held eastern neighbourhoods came a day after Washington suspended direct U.S.-Russian talks on a Syria ceasefire.

The latest tactic of whittling away at rebel-held areas of Aleppo rather than launching an all-out offensive has proved successful in the past: The government reasserted control of the suburbs of the capital, Damascus, and most of the central city of Homs using the strategy.

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U.S. ELECTION

Kaine slams Trump as ‘selfish’ and ‘me-first’

Sen. Tim Kaine aggressively defended running mate Hillary Clinton’s character, one of her chief campaign weaknesses, in Tuesday night’s vice-presidential debate. He slammed Donald Trump as someone who “always puts himself first” and questioned how his No. 2 could stand by him.

“I can’t imagine how Gov. Pence can defend the insult-driven, selfish, me-first style of Donald Trump,” Kaine said of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Pence, a mild-mannered Midwesterner, panned the Democratic ticket as promising frustrated Americans “more of the same.”

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SOUTH CAROLINA A FALLEN HERO Friends and family line up during a wake service for Jacob Hall at Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville, S.C., on Wednesday. Jacob, a classmate and a teacher were shot last Wednesday as they left for recess. Authorities say the suspect, a 14-year-old boy, had shot his father to death before driving to Townville Elementary.

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MALAYSIA

Aussies partying in skimpy briefs arrested

Nine Australians, including a government adviser, have been arrested in Malaysia for stripping down to their briefs and drinking beer from shoes after Australian driver Daniel Ricciardo won the Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix. Government officials said that adviser Jack Walker, was among the men aged 25 to 29 who were arrested after they stripped down to skivvies decorated with the Malaysian flag.

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Google pushes deep into hardware with new Wifi, Chromecast, Home, and Pixel smartphone devices. GETTY IMAGES

Google is unveiling new devices

TECHNOLOGY

Firm hopes to compete with Apple, Samsung

Irene Kuan
Metro | Toronto

Google is making an ambitious push into the hardware space, with the launch of a parade of products, from a new smartphone, as well as a virtual reality headset, an improved Chromecast video streaming device, a Wifi router and a smart speaker called Google Home.

The sleek-looking smartphone, branded Pixel, is the tech-giant's first foray into making its own phones and will come pre-installed with Google virtual assistant, a voice activated service similar to Apple's Siri and Amazon's Alexa, which will be a central component for all its devices.

Google CEO Sundar Pinchai, who kicked off the event Tuesday in San Francisco, described the assistant as "a personal Google for each and every user."

The company hopes to compete with top rivals Apple and Samsung, who have long dominated the hardware market, with Samsung being the biggest smartphone maker using Google's Android operating system.

Rick Osterloh, Google's new head of hardware said Pixel is "the best of Google smarts combined to make the best of the user experience."

The smartphone will come in two sizes, 5" and 5.5" and a quick charge option that can pump seven hours of battery life into the phone with a 15 minute charge, and is VR ready.

The flashiest feature on the new phone is the 12.3 mega pixel rear-facing camera, with HDR plus, Smartburst photo bursts and video stabilization technology, as well effects like lens blur, and bokeh for capturing images. The company is also offering free unlimited storage for full resolution photos and videos in Google Photos.

The phone will also be compatible with its virtual reality system Daydream. Google showed off a new portable VR headset, the Daydream View, made of washable lightweight microfiber fabric and comes with a controller that can be stored inside the device, priced at C$99.

Other devices the company debuted include an updated Chromecast device, called Chromecast Ultra, and its new smart speaker Google Home, a wine-glass shaped dome which works with its other Android-run devices, like Pixel and Chromecast, using hands-free voice activated commands.

Although Google has sold devices under the Nexus brand since 2010, the company has put relatively little effort into the aesthetics and promotion of the products, which is a big shift with its latest gadgets.

ENVIRONMENT

Time to drop biofuel subsidies: Group

A blue-chip group of economists says federal and provincial government biofuel subsidies are an expensive experiment and it's time to let them expire.

A study released Tuesday by Canada's Ecofiscal Commission finds that ethanol and biodiesel policies cost consumers and governments about $640 million a year — while cutting Canada's greenhouse gas emissions by about three million tonnes annually.

Put another way, the report says that every tonne of carbon dioxide reduced by using ethanol costs at least $180 while biodiesel reductions cost at least $128.

And even those high price tags, states the report, may severely under-represent the true cost per tonne of CO2 reductions when the full life-cycle emissions of biofuels are taken into account.

The biofuels industry lobby group, Renewable Industries Canada, called the study's conclusions "flawed and skewed."

The report comes a day after the federal Liberal government announced it would impose on provinces and territories a mandatory carbon price of $10 a tonne starting in 2018, increasing to $50 a tonne in 2022, if those jurisdictions refuse to adopt their own carbon price or cap-and-trade plan.

The cross-partisan, privately funded ecofiscal commission has been making the case for two years that broad-based carbon taxes are the most efficient and least economically damaging way to reduce Canada's carbon footprint.

The latest commission study suggests more than a decade of experience with costly biofuels subsidies helps illustrate the argument. "It wasn't a bad idea to try these policies," commission chairman Chris Ragan, a McGill University economist and former Finance Canada adviser, said in an interview.

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PAUL WELLS ON CHANGES IN THE SENATE

Trudeau's 2014 changes are likely to be permanent. The Senate's party lines need bear no relation to the Commons'. The very thought of it is making some old-time senators frisky.

It is only fair to let you know there are rumblings from the Senate. "I think that what you're seeing here is a transformation," Sen. Thomas Johnson McInnis told a roomful of reporters on Tuesday. "What you have here are independent thinkers."

Sen. McInnis is a former minister of this and that in the interminable Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative government of John Buchanan, who retired in 1990, and in the less durable administration of Buchanan's successor, Roland Thornhill. He ran federally in Dartmouth in 2000, in what would turn out to be the last election the Progressive Conservatives ever contested, and the result for him was not better than the result for most candidates from his party that year.

Stephen Harper put McInnis in the Senate in September of 2012. Two months later, the Ottawa Citizen started asking questions about Mike Duffy's housing expenses, and life just hasn't been very fun up there in the Red Chamber ever since.

But perhaps that is changing. Duffy was acquitted on all charges. Charges against Patrick Brazeau were dropped, and none will be pressed against Pamela Wallin. But most important, the very composition of the Senate is — maybe! arguably! — changing under Justin Trudeau.

In January 2014, without a day's warning, Trudeau kicked every Liberal senator out of the party's national caucus in Ottawa. The move was widely dismissed as rookie theatrics from a man who didn't understand Parliament. In March of this year, freshly in office as prime minister, Trudeau appointed seven new senators and told them they could vote and speak as they pleased. He will soon name 20 more. Suddenly for the first time, these nominal independents will outnumber Conservatives and the remaining Liberals-without-a-caucus.

What do Trudeau's Senate changes mean? You'll be relieved to know a special Senate committee has been on the case.

What does it all mean? You'll be relieved to know a special Senate committee has been on the case. It's had "passionate discussion, if not outright argument and debate," McInnis said. Oh, you scamps. Its conclusions?

Well, on the big questions, you'll just have to wait. Senators are not in the habit of rushing. They released only the first of two reports on Tuesday, and it's the second that will answer the crucial question facing a post-Trudeau Senate: if nobody in the place is beholden to a Liberal government, what's the nature of its obligation to pass legislation passed by the elected House of Commons?

Tuesday's interim recommendations addressed less fundamental questions in ways that still managed to be entertaining. The Senate's proceedings should at last be televised and webcast, they said. If the Commons sends up an omnibus bill to change a few dozen disparate laws at once, senators should be able to chop it into bits and consider them separately. And, finally, any decent-sized group of senators (nine or more) who want to sit in any durable combination should be recognized as a "caucus," with budget and staffing to match.

These changes are likely to make Trudeau's 2014 changes permanent. There might be groups with internal cohesion in the Senate, but they need bear no particular relation to the makeup of the Commons. The very thought of it is making some old-time senators frisky. Serge Joyal, who was a Liberal for decades but is now, well, a Liberal — terminology is tricky up there — said that, from the moment he was no longer welcome in Trudeau's caucus room, "Ben, il y a, comme on dit en anglais, 'No strings attached.' "

Elaine McCoy, appointed as a Progressive Conservative by Paul Martin after the federal Progressive party had voted to abolish itself, pronounced herself chuffed to have so many colleagues, on deck and coming soon, who feel no particular party affiliation.

How will laws get passed? There used to be room for quiet tradeoffs in government caucus meetings, Joyal said. Now there'll have to be open bargaining between Liberals and… these people. "It's about power," Joyal said. "As my mother would say to me, don't try to show to an old monkey how to make faces." I felt a sudden pang of regret that I never met Serge Joyal's mother.

Justin Trudeau's Senate upheaval foreshadowed, as we are now seeing, his management style in general. He may take a long time to decide, but when he does, you sure notice the decision. If there are noses out of joint, let them be out of joint. It's how he replaced one Clerk of the Privy Council with another. It's how he made climate policy this week. The announcement takes only a minute. The consequences take years to play out.

FACES YOU CAN TRUST From right: Senators Thomas Johnson McInnis, Serge Joyal Elaine McCoy — members of the Senate committee on modernization — hold a press conference in Ottawa on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

You say 'politically correct elitism' like it's a bad thing

When Conservative leadership candidate Kellie Leitch launched another fundraising push last month, she called for bravery among her fellow conservatives.

"Together we will stand up to those who don't want to discuss Canadian values and whose politically correct elitism remains tone deaf to the views of most Canadians," she wrote in an email, referencing her plan to screen immigrants for "anti-Canadian values."

It's proved an ineloquent but revealing sentence.

To begin with, "Canadian values" don't mean indigenous values, obviously. They mean white, colonial values. And, as it turns out, most Canadians really do seem worried about the integration of immigrants. A full 68 per cent of Canadians want immigrants to "do more" to fit in, compared to only 53 per cent of Americans, according to an Angus Reid Institute/CBC survey released this week.

Sixty-eight per cent, up by more than 11 points since 1993. Angus Reid executive director Shachi Kurl said the increased desire for more assimilation "is something that bears watching, particularly because that view has hardened over the last 25 years."

A question we never ask of polling data, though, is whether those majority views are really worth defending. Or, to use Leitch's words: Is "politically correct elitism" really that bad? Could it be just a basic call to lean towards, oh, I don't know, human decency over fear-mongering, racism and xenophobia? Calling out "politically correct elitism" was Step 1 in the Donald J Trump Manual for How to Get Away with Hate Speech — is it a great card to play here?

As for whether evil left-wing sorcerers are controlling us all like ventriloquists, let's examine the reality, shall we? The reality is we are in the middle of a new era of race and identity conversations in Canada. In just the last month:

A police officer and a black man in Greater Toronto "swapped lives" for a day for a CBC news report.

Vancouver CKNW radio host Ian Power turned a segment on immigration into personal complaints about being white in a mostly non-white neighbourhood.

A Globe and Mail investigation discovered Maryam Monsef was born in Iran, not Afghanistan, and criticisms of birtherism arose north of the border. The Globe and Mail also launched a podcast on race, called Colour Code.

That's not to mention Black Lives Matter or the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry or many, many other examples.

Undoubtedly, as Leitch puts out the call for money, she's playing to fears of what Canada will look like in 50 years, when immigration trends will almost certainly push white Canadians out of the majority.

A crucial question to ask but, crucially, not one to fear.

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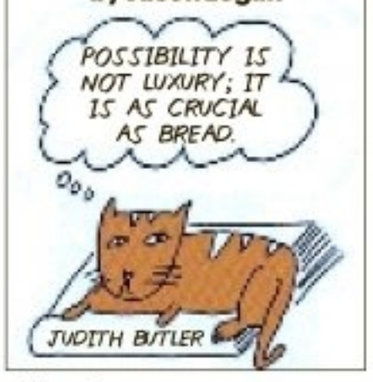

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Pumpkin served up steamy

RECIPE

This autumnal soup is a silky, smooth dose of fall warmth

During the cold weather, my motto is that any vegetable that can be puréed, will be puréed. And no vegetable does such a good job of blending into silky, soupy submission quite like the pumpkin.

Its subtle sweetness shines through with each bite, balancing savory onion, forest-like sage, and a smoky pumpkin seed garnish.

Often, when I eat vegetable soups, I never feel entirely satisfied; soup is always the partner of something heartier, but this deeply rich one carries me through even the most active, blustery fall and winter afternoons.

Simple Roasted Pumpkin Soup with Smoky Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Serves 4-6

Ingredients:

- 1 (2–3 pound) sugar pumpkin or other small roasting pumpkin, peeled, seeds reserved, and cut into rough pieces
- 1 onion, peeled and cut into rough pieces
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled, left whole
- 8 whole fresh sage leaves
- 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp salt
- ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 cups low-sodium vegetable stock
- 2 Tbsp 35% heavy whipping cream or full-fat coconut milk, plus more for serving
- Smoky Roasted Pumpkin Seeds (recipe follows) for serving

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. On a large-rimmed baking sheet, toss pumpkin, onion, garlic, and sage with oil, salt, and pepper. Roast for 45 minutes.
3. Transfer vegetables to a blender or large pot for blending with an immersion blender, along with stock and cream (if your blender jug is small, you may need to do this in batches); blend until smooth.
4. Transfer to a large pot to heat over medium, stirring often, until very hot. Serve with a swirl of cream and sprinkle of pumpkin seeds.

Notes: If you prefer a thinner soup, add vegetable stock 1/2 cup at a time until desired consistency.

Soup can be frozen for up to 3 months.

Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Makes 1/2 cup

A crunchy, high protein snack, roasted pumpkin seeds do the heavy lifting anywhere you need a touch of crunch.

Sprinkle on soups, salads, trail mix, yogurt, ice cream, pie, or simply enjoy by the handful, it's hard to go wrong with this seasonal treat.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup fresh pumpkin seeds, cleaned and dried well, or raw, unsalted green pumpkin seeds
- 1 tsp smoked paprika (mild or hot)
- 1/2 tsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/8 tsp salt

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Line a large-rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Add all ingredients to baking sheet, tossing well to combine. Spread into a single layer.
3. Roast for 25 to 30 minutes if using sugar pumpkin seeds or 10 to 15 minutes if using green pumpkin seeds, until brown and beginning to pop.
4. Cool completely. Store airtight at room temperature for up to 1 week.

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SYNOPSIS

With this new book, popular blogger Allison Day brings pumpkin into our homes with a seasonal, whole foods recipe set.

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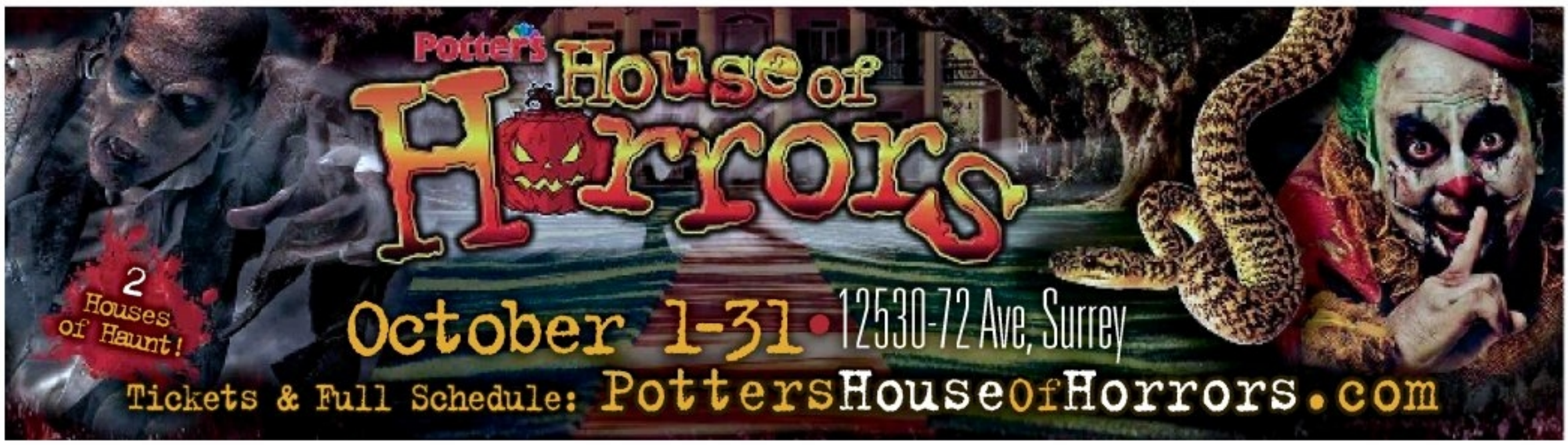

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THREE TWISTS ON A TURKEY DINNER CLASSIC

Stuffing often gets a bad rap for being too dry, too fatty, too soggy, or too bland. If that's been the case at your Thanksgiving feasts, consider switching out certain ingredients to better suit your expanding tastes.

Here are **three distinct flavours** to tempt your taste buds: spinach and paneer from Southern Asia; dried fruit and spicy beef from the Middle East; and rice with chestnuts and shiitake from Eastern Asia.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 Maha Barsoom's Spiced Beef Stuffing

Key ingredients: Cardamom, apricots, cinnamon

The family behind Maha's, the busy Toronto brunch spot, makes it a point to celebrate holidays together, infusing Egyptian flavours into their turkeys.

Ingredients (for the rice):
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) jasmine rice
- 3 cups (750 mL) water
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cinnamon

Directions:
1. In a large pot over medium-high heat, toast rice until fragrant and nutty, about 3 to 4 minutes.
2. Add water and stir in cinnamon. Cover and bring to a boil.
3. Reduce to a medium heat and continue cooking covered until rice is tender, about 20 to 25 minutes. Remove cover and fluff rice with fork.

Ingredients (for the spice beef mixture):
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) vegetable or canola oil
- 1 minced yellow onion
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 1 cup (250 mL) chopped celery
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground cardamom
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground nutmeg
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 1/2 lb (680g) lean ground beef
- 4 dried figs, diced
- 8 pitted dried dates, diced
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) golden raisins
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) sliced blanched almonds
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) honey
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Directions:
1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, sauté onion, garlic, celery, cinnamon, cardamom and bay leaves until onions begin to become translucent, about 5 to 8 minutes.
2. Add beef and continue cooking until browned, about 15 to 20 minutes. Add apricots, dates, raisins and honey. Stir. Season with salt and pepper. Adjust seasoning to taste.
3. Add beef mixture to rice. Stir until well combined.
4. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting or keep warm in oven at 200 F (100 C) until ready to serve.

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2 Hemant Bhagwani's Spinach-Paneer Stuffing

Key ingredients: Spinach, paneer, garam masala

Bored of the traditional turkey dinner, Hemant Bhagwani's friends turned to Toronto's Indian Street Food Co. and Amaya Express owner to punch up the flavours of their usual Thanksgiving feast.

Ingredients (for the rice):
• 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) basmati rice
• 3 cups (750 mL) water
• 1 pinch saffron threads or 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground turmeric

Directions:
1. In a medium-sized pot over medium heat, bring rice, water and saffron to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low on a gentle simmer. Continue to simmer until rice is tender. Remove lid and fluff with fork.

Ingredients (for the spinach paneer stuffing):
• 2 tbsp (30 mL) canola or vegetable oil
• 1/4 tsp (1 mL) cumin seeds
• 1 minced green Thai chili
• 4 minced garlic cloves
• 1 finely chopped large Spanish onion
• 1 tbsp (15 mL) finely chopped fresh ginger
• 8 cups (2 L) fresh spinach leaves
• 3/4 tsp (3 mL) salt
• 1/2 tsp (2 mL) garam masala
• 1/2 cup (125 mL) finely chopped dried apricots
• 1/2 cup (125 mL) grated paneer

Directions:
1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add cumin and chili and sauté till fragrant, about 3 minutes. Add garlic, onion and ginger. Continue to cook for 5 minutes, or until onions become translucent.
2. Add spinach, salt, garam masala, and apricots. Continue cook until spinach wilts.
3. Mix spinach mixture with rice. Toss in grated paneer.
4. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting, or keep warm in oven at 200F (100 C) until ready to serve.

3 Jonathan Poon's Chinese Sausage and Sticky Rice Stuffing

Key ingredients: Dried shiitake, chestnuts, Chinese sausage

Chef Jonathan Poon of Toronto's Bar Fancy didn't celebrate Thanksgiving as a kid, but he did make stuffing for his family at Christmas, and he'd take cues from a dim sum staple: sticky rice with braised soy sauce chicken and Chinese sausage. This is a take on Poon's sticky rice stuffing.

Ingredients (for the rice):
• 2 cups (500 mL) white glutinous rice, rinsed
• 2 1/2 cups (625 mL) cold water
• In a large pot, soak rice in water for 30 minutes.

Directions:
1. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low and let simmer until liquid has been absorbed. Fluff with fork.

Ingredients (for the chicken):
• 3/4 cup (180 mL) dried shiitake
• 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) boiling water
• 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh ginger
• 1 minced garlic clove
• 2 tbsp (30 mL) light Chinese soy sauce
• 1 tbsp (15 mL) dark Chinese soy sauce
• 1 cup (250 mL) water
• 1 tbsp (15 mL) brown sugar
• 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
• 1/2 cup (125 mL) roasted, peeled chestnuts, plus another • 1/4 cup (60 mL) for garnish
• 1 1/2 lbs (680g) chicken legs, skin on, bone in
• 1/4 cup (60 mL) finely diced Chinese sausage

Directions:
1. Submerge shiitake in a bowl of boiling water. Cover with plastic wrap and let sit for 20 minutes. Strain and reserve liquid. Discard stems. Slice mushrooms. Set aside.
2. In a medium-sized pan over medium heat, stir together reserved mushroom liquid, sliced mushrooms, ginger, garlic, light soy sauce, dark soy sauce, water, brown sugar, salt and 1/2 cup chestnuts. Add chicken legs in a single layer in pan. Cover and bring to a boil.
3. Turn heat down to medium and simmer until chicken is fully cooked, about 30 mins.
4. Remove chicken from pan. Remove skin and shred meat. Discard bones and skin. Add shredded meat back to liquid mixture. Continue cooking until most liquid evaporates.
5. Add mixture to cooked sticky rice. Mix.
6. Wipe pan. Sauté Chinese sausage until fragrant and translucent, three minutes. Add sausage and drippings to rice. Mix until well combined.
7. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting or keep warm in oven at 200 F (100 C) until ready to serve.

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Building a better minivan

REVIEW

New Pacifica far superior to its predecessor

Jonathan Yarkony
AutoGuide.com

You might think that minivans are going extinct with the rate at which everyone is jumping on the SUV bandwagon, but minivan sales were booming in the first half of 2016, and the all-new Chrysler Pacifica just hit dealer lots in May. It should be a big second half and possibly the best year since 2008 for minivans.

Some of you may recall the Pacifica name from an early (failed) crossover experiment in Chrysler's past, but this is something entirely different: This is the replacement for the Town & Country minivan, while Dodge's Grand Caravan continues on largely unchanged.

The platform is entirely new, using aluminum, magnesium and high-strength steel in key locations to make a lighter, stiffer frame, and the 3.6L Pentastar V6 is paired with Chrysler's new nine-speed automatic transmission, all of which should contribute to much-improved fuel economy. There is also a boatload of new tech on board, from a back-up camera and touchscreen display on base models to hands-free tailgate and driving assistance systems like lane departure warning and adaptive cruise control.

However, it's what hasn't changed that makes minivans great for families, and some standout features from Chrysler that make it a great minivan.

The trunk behind the third row alone has a whopping 915 litres with a deep well that means you can easily pack in running strollers, a couple bikes and other bulky items.

Of course, Chrysler minivans' claim to fame is Stow 'n' Go seats that collapse into the floor, which is standard for both rows in the Pacifica. Dropping the third row is as easy as yanking a strap and letting gravity do all the hard work. Getting them back up requires a bit more muscle, but is still plenty easy.

Quality, long a sore spot for FCA minivans is much improved, with convincing leather seats, carpeted cargo area, and soft-touch dash.

Out on the road, the Pacifica's mission is built right into its name, with a smooth ride and silky powertrain that provides a peaceful and quiet cabin in any situation. Its mission is comfort first, second and third, with a suspension that soaks up any road imperfections short of a bomb crater, and a transmission that shifts imperceptibly.

Despite a price tag for top trims that many just won't be able to accept, the Pacifica is a massive leap forward for Chrysler and minivans. It's stylish enough to draw attention from unexpected sources and has enough technology to satisfy today's demanding consumers.

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THE BASICS

Engine: 3.6-litre V6
Power: 287 Horsepower, 36 kg-m torque
Transmission: Nine-speed automatic
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 12.9 city, 8.4 highway, 10.9 combined
Price: Starts at $41,930

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2018 Audi TT RS

After a hiatus of several years, Audi will launch the second-generation TT RS next summer, likely as a 2018 model, for somewhere around the $75,000 mark. At that price, it has its sights set squarely on such notable sports cars as the Porsche 718 Cayman and BMW M2. To even be considered in that company, Audi pulled out all the stops to create something competitive but distinct. **JONATHAN YARKONY** AUTOGUIDE.COM

1 Engine
Although this 2.5-litre five-cylinder has the same displacement and core design as the one in the previous TT RS, it is completely new, starting from an aluminum block that replaces the iron block, and using magnesium, molybdenum and other lightweight metals and construction to save a total of 26 kilograms in the engine.

2 Power
All these tricks combine to deliver 400 horsepower at 5,850 rpm, and an unnaturally flat torque line of 49 kilogram-metres.

3 Steering
The adaptive steering gets quicker as you progress into your turn, and the car tracks well into corners, making easy work of tucking the car right into the apex and slowly leading the car out of the turn as you get back on the gas or quickly turn back the other way in any esses. However, there were times when the transmission could have dropped one more gear to keep the engine in its peak power band, but switching to manual mode means you can anticipate the necessary gear changes on a familiar track.

4 Seats
The seats were also a perfect fit, and some models featured adjustable torso bolsters so that once you settle in, you can lock yourself into place for spirited driving.

5 Wheels
Quattro all-wheel drive has been a hallmark on Audi's sporting cars since the famed Quattro Group B Rally car dominated the WRC in 1984, lending its aura of invincibility to the Quattro and Quattro Sport road cars of the '80s, which were also powered by turbocharged five-cylinders. Audi bumped up the rubber compound from the stock Pirelli P Zero to P Zero Corsa. That extra grip allowed us to feel even more acutely the way the car shifts power to the rear axle when beginning to understeer.

ENVIRONMENT

Electrics touted, but await their moment

When will electric-powered cars become a practical choice for ordinary people? The question hangs in the air at the Paris auto show, where Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz and General Motors are showing off electric cars they hope are the on-ramp to a profitable future.

The raft of new vehicles lends buzz to electric cars. But earlier over-optimistic predictions have also bred skepticism.

Volkswagen compared its I.D. electric compact to its historic Beetle and mainstay Golf models and said it was the leading edge of 30 new electric models it plans to put out by 2025.

Daimler AG CEO Dieter Zetsche looked more Silicon Valley than Stuttgart, wearing faded jeans and sneakers to tout the Mercedes-Benz EQ, a battery-powered crossover SUV concept. The vehicle aims to illustrate the company's longer term strategy that connects electric cars with other new technology, such as autonomous driving and vehicle sharing.

Zetsche said the company aimed for 10 electric vehicles by 2025, making up 15 to 25 per cent of global sales — a bold prediction he immediately tempered by saying that was based on "continued development of infrastructure and customer preferences."

He said "we need to prepare ourselves with all our resources for electric mobility as a mass phenomenon" yet remain flexible if demand is lower — or even higher — than predicted.

General Motors Co.'s European division Opel is showing off the Ampera-e, a rebadged version of the Chevrolet Bolt.

However, for now, the limited range and higher costs mean battery-powered vehicles have little attraction for regular folks trying to get the most for their money. They remain largely a niche market, often for people enthusiastic about new technology or the environment, and with the extra disposable income to act on that.

The Palo Alto, Calif.-based Tesla has won attention with rising sales of electrics to well-heeled customers — but loses money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France's Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy Segolene Royal (C) examines a Twizy 45 Renault electric car during the Paris Motor Show. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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How to work effectively remotely

Whether you own a small business or work for a large company, chances are you work from home at least part of the time. The latest Statistic Canada data shows nearly two million of us are working remotely at least once a week, and that number is growing as we learn more about the benefits of telecommuting.

There is often the misconception that working from home is not as serious or demanding as in-person labour, but Dr. Lori LaCivita, director of Walden University's industrial and organizational psychology graduate program, says this is a mistake. "It's actually a lot harder to work remotely — it takes more effort to be effective in this environment. You need to prioritize, triage, and structure your day to be productive."

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PRO TIPS FOR WORKING FROM HOME

1. Communication is key. "Working remotely requires a higher level of communication since you can't pick up on nonverbal cues and don't have the in-person social interactions that office workers have, so virtual workers need to communicate more frequently with managers and in-office employees," says Dr. LaCivita. Communicating helps you feel connected and fights feelings of isolation. Get creative and use technology — instant messaging, conference calls, Skype — whatever gets you collaborating with your team.

2. Be the captain of your own ship. You need to work independently and think through things on your own, as you may not have access to someone who can provide immediate, real-time guidance. Attending an online university is a great way to prepare for and land a virtual position, because online classes can help you develop the self-direction skills needed for success.

3. Become friends with technology. To be a successful virtual employee, you need to have a good understanding of technology and how to use it properly — if you can't be comfortable with technology, you can't work remotely. Always have a backup plan if technology fails: get a landline and save work in multiple locations. Identify local coffee shops where you can connect online should the power ever go out, or get a mobile hotspot solution like a good cell phone data plan or a wifi connection.

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Silencing the home fans: Before Tuesday's game, the road team was 6-2 in wild-card play-in games

Edwin-credible ending

MLB PLAYOFFS

Encarnacion blasts 3-run walk-off homer for Blue Jays

Edwin Encarnacion slammed a three-run homer in the 11th inning to lift the Toronto Blue Jays to a 5-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night in a drama-filled American League wild-card game.

Devon Travis singled with one out off Ubaldo Jimenez, a starter who was Baltimore's seventh pitcher on the night, and moved to third on Josh Donaldson's single. Then Encarnacion went to work, depositing the ball over the left-field fence.

The Jays dugout emptied, sending a jubilant mass of Toronto players onto the field. The capacity crowd chanted "Eddie, Eddie."

Toronto now faces Texas, the top seed in the American League, on Thursday in Arlington to open the five-game AL Division Series.

Both bullpens put on a show, putting up one zero after another. Then, in extra innings, the managers turned to starters with Francisco Liriano and Jimenez.

By then, the sellout crowd of 49,934 was living and dying with every called strike and ball.

Tied 2-2, the Jays sent in closer Roberto Osuna for the ninth. He needed 14 pitches to end it, striking out Mark Trumbo and Matt Wieters as the decibel level grew.

Toronto had a glorious chance to end it in its half of the ninth.

Donaldson doubled off Brad Brach down the left-field line to open the inning. Encarnacion was intentionally walked, bringing up Jose Bautista who struck out. Darren O'Day needed just one pitch to induce Russell Martin to hit into the Jays' third double play of the night.

Osuna got one out in the 10th then left quickly with an apparent injury, bringing out Liriano who got the two remaining outs.

Bautista had a solo homer in the second inning for Toronto, which got six strong innings from starter Marcus Stroman and some great defence from Kevin Pillar, Troy Tulowitzki and Donaldson before a loud, passionate crowd under the stars at the Rogers Centre.

Stroman retired the first nine hitters he faced but stumbled in the fourth when Trumbo, who led the majors with 47 home runs this season, hit a two-run shot to left.

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The Blue Jays' Edwin Encarnacion celebrates his game-winning home run on Tuesday night. MARK BLINCH/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

WILDCARD In Toronto

5	2

Cubs poised for longer run

The Chicago Cubs embraced the target and ran away with the best record in baseball.

Now that the playoffs are starting, the final mark is in sight. And if there is a little added pressure to nail it, well, manager Joe Maddon says bring it on.

"Those words pressure and expectations are positive words," he said Tuesday. "You never want to be involved or associated with a situation that doesn't have the certain level of expectations.... I think it's great. Those are the two words that should bring out the best in your performance."

The Cubs are seeking the biggest prize of all after leading the majors with 103 wins and giving their long-suffering fans hope this might be the year to end a World Series title drought dating to 1908. They will face the New York Mets or San Francisco Giants in an NL Division Series that begins Friday at Wrigley Field — what they hope will be the next step toward the ultimate prize.

> **How do you react to that moment (is what) sets you apart.**
>
> Manager Joe Maddon

A century-old championship hex could be a burden, but if one thing has defined this team as much as its sheer dominance, that would be its poise.

Nothing seems to rattle this bunch. Not tight games, not a season-ending injury to emerging star Kyle Schwarber, not a 1-9 stretch in June, and not infielder Tommy La Stella leaving the team and contemplating retirement at mid-season.

Whether it's something innate in the players or a product of the atmosphere, this has been one cool bunch.

Manager Joe Maddon led the Cubs to a major-league best 103 wins. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

"I think there's something to be said for the culture in an organization and a clubhouse, the tone set by the manager and coaching staff, the veteran players, that allows guys to be themselves even in big moments," president of baseball operations Theo Epstein said.

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NHL

Little rest for wicked Crosby

Sidney Crosby's mini-vacation after the latest triumph in his remarkable career lasted all of four days.

Sorry, but the process of defending a Stanley Cup waits for no one. So there Crosby was on Tuesday skating in line rushes with the rest of his Pittsburgh Penguins teammates just five days removed from leading Team Canada to the World Cup of Hockey title as the tournament's MVP.

And no, Crosby wasn't about to complain about being tired.

Sidney Crosby GETTY IMAGES

That's simply not his way. Besides, his electric performance during the World Cup offered plenty of proof he's fresh as the Penguins look to become the first team since the 1998 Detroit Red Wings to repeat as Cup champions.

"When you're playing a lot of hockey it's more comfortable," Crosby said. "You just have to balance rest and recovery and making sure you're ready to play."

Crosby certainly looked ready while piling up 10 points during Canada's clinical domination of the eight-team tournament that featured the world's best players. He was a unanimous selection as tournament MVP just a few months removed from being named the Conn Smythe Trophy winner after guiding the Penguins to their fourth championship.

The Pens will raise the Cup banner to the rafters at newly renamed PPG Paints Arena during the season opener next Thursday against Washington.

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1998

The last time a team (Detroit) successfully defended its Stanley Cup championship.

NFL IN BRIEF

Ailing Colts shake up D

The Indianapolis Colts shook up their defence Tuesday, releasing cornerback Antonio Cromartie and waiving inside linebacker Sio Moore. Both started the first four games.

Indy (1-3) signed Cromartie on Aug. 22. He emerged as the starter in a secondary decimated by injuries. But he was benched last weekend after drawing two penalties in a four-play sequence. He became expendable when the Colts got healthy, and they could have their top three cornerbacks available for the first time Sunday against Chicago (1-3).

Moore, acquired in a trade with Oakland last year, had 31 tackles this season.

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Vikings trekking on

NFL

Minnesota sitting at 4-0 despite myriad of key injuries

Sam Bradford of the Vikings hands the ball off to Jerick McKinnon against the New York Giants on Monday in Minneapolis, Minn. HANNAH FOSLIEN/GETTY IMAGES

The quarterback, running back and left tackle are all out, likely for the whole season.

The Minnesota Vikings have been playing as if nobody's missing at all. "In the NFL," coach Mike Zimmer said, "it's adapt or you get eaten up." Injuries are a given in this game, so overcoming the loss of key players is hardly a novel accomplishment.

The Vikings (4-0) have only finished the first quarter of the schedule, so their replacements have much more to prove over the long haul that they can render moot the absence of Teddy Bridgewater, Adrian Peterson and Matt Kalil. The way this team has responded to these potentially devastating setbacks, though, is the type of trait that title contenders possess.

"I say it all the time, because it's true about this football team. It's so important to have the right kind of guys in here," Zimmer said. "Guys that when it gets down to it, we fight."

The damage to Bridgewater's left knee that occurred in practice on Aug. 30 caused widespread consternation, but the trade for Sam Bradford was made only four days later, an instant pick-me-up for the players that signalled the team was still serious about chasing a title.

Bradford was playing so well in his debut on Sept. 18 against the rival Green Bay Packers that the departure of Peterson with damage to his right knee wasn't so demoralizing.

Jerick McKinnon and Matt Asiata fared relatively well filling in with Peterson out in 2014 while the child-abuse case against the star running back played out.

Plus, the defence has reached a new height of dominance, in its third year under Zimmer.

The news, then, that Kalil would need season-ending surgery on his right hip became almost an afterthought at that point. The left tackle is crucial in the protection plan but T.J. Clemmings, who started at right tackle as a rookie last season, has held his own over the past two games.

> **"Knowing that we don't have to go out there and score 40, 50 points a game, it makes it nice.**
> Sam Bradford

Bradford, who has yet to turn the ball over, has shown a quick release, an accurate touch and ample strength to throw deep.

The Vikings beat the New York Giants 24-10 on Monday behind their most-balanced offensive production to date in 2016, rushing for a season-most 104 yards.

"This is the first game where the offence scored all the points," Rudolph said. "We finally were able to get things rolling on offence." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ready in 1 hour 20 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 1 hour 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 lb. Butternut Squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 2 inch chunks
- 3 shallots, quartered
- 3 heirloom carrots, cut lengthwise and then in half
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup apple cider or water
- 3/4 cup pear purée
- Sour cream or Greek style yogurt for garnish

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400. Place squash, shallots, carrots and garlic in a large bowl and toss with olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Spread vegetables on a large, rimmed baking sheet and roast 50 to 55 minutes, or until vegetables are fork tender. Let cool for 5 minutes.
2. Place vegetables and 2 cups of the vegetable broth into a blender or food processor and puree until smooth.
3. Pour the purée into a large saucepan over medium-low heat and stir in the last cup of broth, milk, water or apple cider, pear purée and the remaining salt.
4. Allow the soup to cook until hot for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Serve with a dollop of Greek style yogurt or sour cream mixed into soup.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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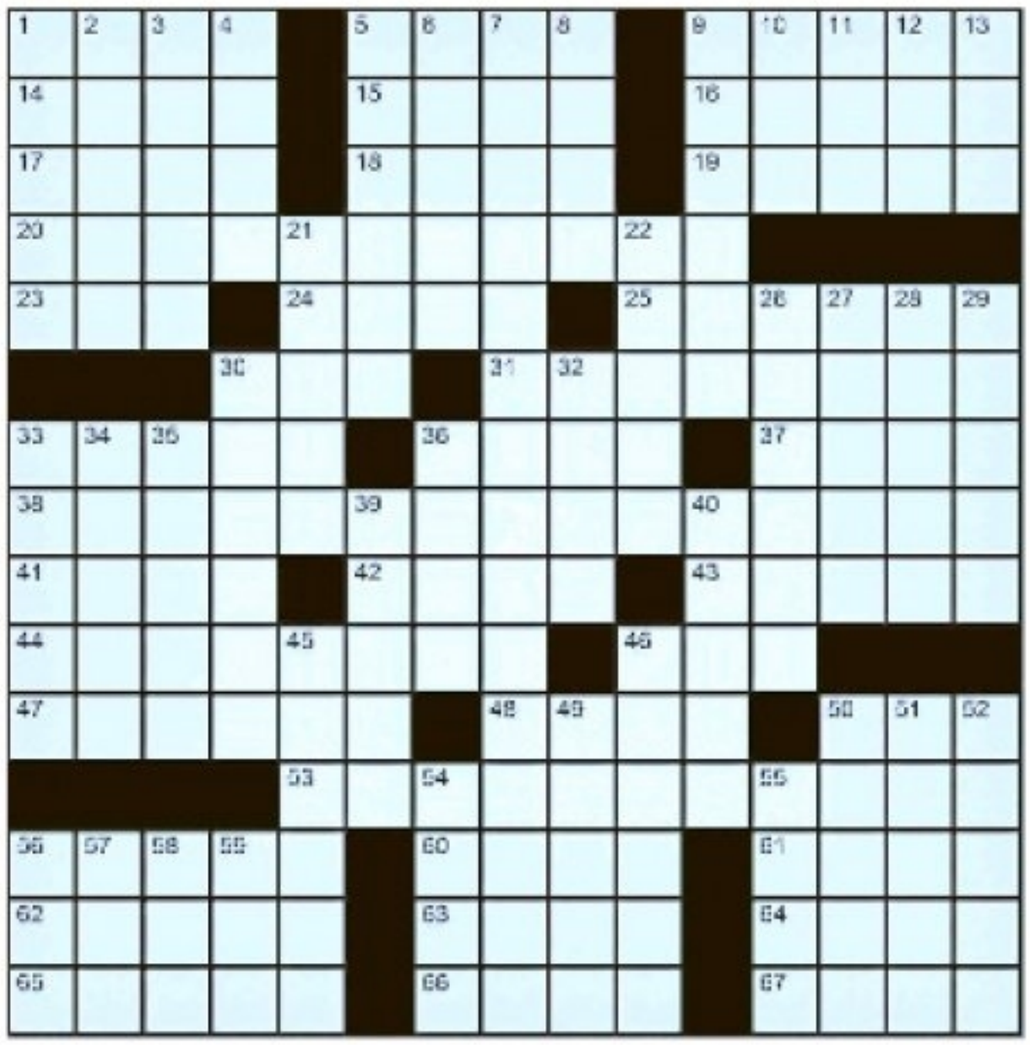

ACROSS
1. Pillow cover
5. Medic who's missing the 'OR'?
9. Loans
14. Parrot's waxy beak part
15. Beige
16. Anticipate
17. Portion
18. Belonging to Jay Z's wife, fun-style
19. Kaley's "The Big Bang Theory" character
20. The Prairies = Canada's __
23. Be under the weather
24. "It __ Me Babe" by The Turtles
25. __ yogurt
30. Charlemagne's li'l domain
31. Resort city of Mexico
33. Start
36. Smudge
37. Industrial region of Germany
38. Firearm used by French-explorer-to-Canada Samuel de Champlain: 2 wds.
41. Ancient city of Japan
42. Tortoise's competitor
43. Olde-style rewards
44. Set off
46. "The Dark Knight" (2008) star ...his initials-sharers
47. Tree types
48. Fight
50. Whiz's pal
53. Incredibly interesting
56. "Any Time __ __" by The Beatles
60. Prince Michael of __ (Queen Elizabeth's cousin)
61. Food thickener
62. CCR's "Born on the __"
63. "__ the Woods" (2014) starring Meryl Streep
64. Purplish
65. Folie __ __ (Foolishness shared by two)
66. Eminem song
67. Cobblestone

DOWN
1. __ diving
2. French artist, __ Toulouse-Lautrec
3. Princess in "The Little Mermaid" (1989)
4. Prefix to 'morphosis'
5. Carrie Fisher's mother Ms. Reynolds
6. __ liner
7. __ __ Beach Provincial Park, in Sambro Creek, Nova Scotia
8. 1979 Fleetwood Mac album
9. Modern day typewriter
10. SHE-ep
11. Bert Bobbsey's twin
12. Rumpus
13. Trough locale
21. Sci-Fi villain Vader
22. Provide with weapons
26. Hospital heroines and heros
27. Outlandish occurrence
28. Hurt
29. Wrongdoings, in law
30. __ Strait (British Columbia body of water)
32. Veggie in a salad or a tea party sandwich, fun-style
33. 'Labor __ Vincit' (Oklahoma's state motto)
34. Types of flatbread
35. Remove the furniture paint
36. Ship
39. Capital of Tibet
40. Space shadow
45. Arrival, as crowds of people
46. Uri, for William Tell
49. One of Columbus' ships in 1492
50. Lively old dance of France
51. Pass, as law
52. Type of heron
54. Enjoys the winter resort
55. 1981 Tom Cruise movie
56. Lawyers org. in The States
57. Smidgen
58. "Absolutely.", at sea
59. Mr. Reed

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are ambitious today! You have big plans to do big things in a big way, and you want big recognition for your efforts.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are excited about big travel plans for the future. Or perhaps your big ideas are about exploring opportunities in higher education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will be confident when it comes to deciding how to share something today, like an inheritance. Be careful you are not so cocky that you give away the farm.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you have a conflict with a close friend or partner today, you might be overbearing. This is because you believe in what you want, and you believe you will get it!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can accomplish a lot today because you are energetic, enthusiastic and confident. This state of mind is all you need to get great results.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Romance is strong today because your desiring nature is strong. However, you actively will seek out amusement and fun diversions. It's a great day for competitive sports!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are willing to move mountains to achieve what you want at home, especially regarding redecorating projects or renovations. (Librans care about how their home looks.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are so confident in your communications with others today that you will succeed in sales, marketing, teaching, acting and writing. You're the poster child for the power of positive thinking. .

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are willing to work hard to earn money today. You're ready to spend your money, as well! You've got big ideas that you intend to put into action.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today your energy level is high! This is why you will accomplish a great deal and bring certain projects to a successful conclusion. Go, go, go!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you work alone or behind the scenes today, you will feel happy. You will be proud of your achievements and hopeful for big results down the road.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your ability to work in conjunction with others today is top-notch. Your enthusiasm and energy will make you the leader of the pack.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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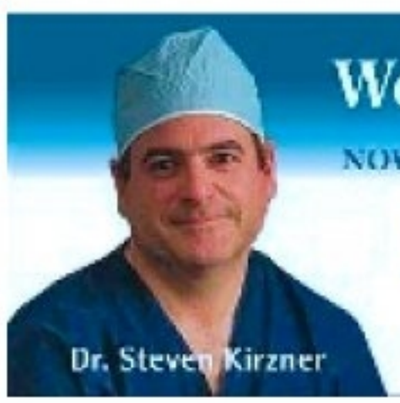

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